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Over \$11 Million Saved for Nebraskans with Medicare

LINCOLN, NE – Nebraska's Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) announced that it saved Nebraskans with Medicare Part D Drug Plans and Part C Advantage Plans more than \$11,734,000 in the last quarter of 2015.

By comparing an individual's prescription use to new drug plans, SHIIP identified plans offering each person their best coverage at the lowest cost. Three-hundred fifty SHIIP counselors helped 21,800 Nebraskans compare Medicare drug plans during the quarter. They also helped people apply for Extra Help, a program which provides Medicare drug subsidies for people who have low income and low assets.

In announcing the savings, SHIIP director Alicia Jones said, "We are thrilled to be able to help older and disabled people realize substantial savings on drug costs. SHIIP is just beginning to track money saved, so we believe the actual total may have been even larger. When people live on fixed incomes, saving money on big ticket items like drugs is critical."

People with Medicare can get free, unbiased information and problem solving help from Nebraska SHIIP. SHIIP is funded by the federal government to help Nebraskans understand and successfully use Medicare. Contact Nebraska SHIIP, a division of the Nebraska Department of Insurance, at 1-800-234-7119 or www.doi.nebraska.gov/shiip/.

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